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Twenty UNO cadets may be affected by cuts

By TIM TRUDELL
Staff Reporter

There are 20 seniors eligible for voluntary disenrollment from the UNO Air Force ROTC detachment as the Air Force attempts to cut 3,000 officers from its rolls.

The Air Force has been instructed to drop the officers as part of a reduction in force, said Lt. Col. Dennis Phillips, commander of the 470th AFROTC detachment and professor of aerospace studies.

Phillips said he is in charge of the UNO ROTC program, which also includes students from six area colleges. There are 110 cadets in the program, he said.

Congress has established a ceiling for the number of officers the Air Force can have, Phillips said. The service cannot go over that figure or it will be in trouble, he said.

A congressional conference committee agreed to a 1 percent reduction in Air Force officers for fiscal year 1988 (which started Oct. 1), according to an article in the Nov. 16 edition of the Air Force Times.

The cuts are part of a congressionally-mandated 5 percent reduction in force, the article said. Congress had agreed to complete the cuts in the next two years, but then decided to let the secretary of defense do it over three years, it said.

The secretary of defense could reduce the officer force by 1 percent this year and 2 percent each of the next two years, the article said, stipulating that 15,000 officers must be cut.

The Air Force is attempting to reduce its officer corps through a variety of programs, including cuts in ROTC programs, Phillips said.

ROTC cadets can volunteer to forego their military obligations, Phillips said. This is the second year for the disenrollment program, he said. About 300 cadets left ROTC last year under the program, he said.

ROTC students who have received scholarships must repay the scholarships over a 10-year period at 7 percent interest, said Capt. Bill Stephenson of the Air Force ROTC headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

Less than half of UNO cadets are on scholarship, Phillips said. Scholarships include tuition, fees and books, he said. In addition, all cadets receive a monthly allowance of \$100, he said.

Only one student has volunteered to quit the program, Phillips said.

"He has an opportunity to work for a private company," Phillips said. "The company is willing to repay his scholarship for him."

Air Force ROTC is seeking to reduce its commissioned officers nationwide from an average of 3,000 to 3,500 a year to about 2,500 this year, Phillips said.

The Air Force ROTC encourages people in technical fields, such as engineering, computer science and mathematics, with a GPA of 3.17 and above, Phillips said. "We want the best of

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SPO hopes to 'Sting' Omaha with major concert

By TIM KALDAHL
Senior Reporter

The Student Programming Organization will try to bring Sting, a male pop vocalist, to Omaha this spring, Concert Committee Chairperson Christine Fortun told the Student Senate at its Dec. 3 meeting.

Fortun said she was contacted by a Minneapolis promoter about a possible Omaha concert date in the spring. The cost of the concert would be \$59,000. The concert would be held in the Civic Auditorium with 6,000 seats on sale and an option for 10,000 seats if sales go well, she said.

"I believe that Sting has a long-standing following," Fortun told the senate. "I think the show will do really well, and if I didn't believe it, I wouldn't have brought it to the Student Senate."

Fortun said she wanted the senate's input on

the idea. Expectations are that 2,400 students and 3,600 from the general public would attend the concert. Tickets would cost \$14 if SPO gets the concert.

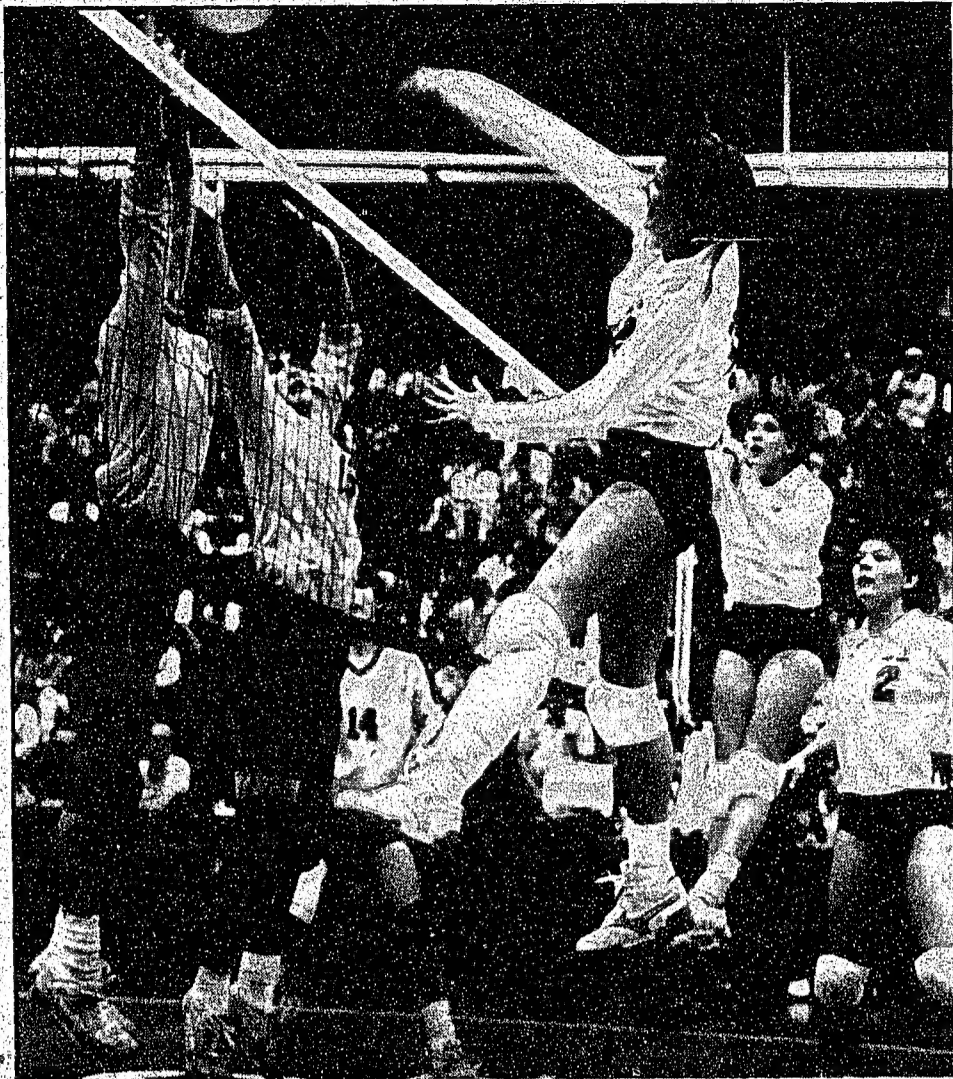
An unofficial straw poll of the senate showed that nearly all the senators thought it would be a worthwhile project to pursue.

"There's no chance this won't go over big time," Sen. Guy Rudloff said. The success of Sting's last two albums since he broke from his old band, The Police, would guarantee good ticket sales, he said.

Student Government Executive Treasurer Greg Gunderson said the concert might further hurt SPO economically if it does not go over well. SPO lost \$18,000 last year.

In his report, he read a letter he had sent to the director of SPO, Brian Johnson, about the concert. In it he wrote, "SPO is programming for Omaha" instead of the students of UNO.

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Akitoshi Kizaki

UNO All-American Ruth Evans lashes a return against Angelo State in the regional championship match. Also pictured for UNO, from left, Darla Melcher, No. 2, and Lori Schutte.

UNO dominates regional; bid for finals rewarded

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Slow-starting UNO kicked its volleyball game into high gear last weekend to race past both Minnesota-Duluth and Angelo (Texas) State.

The Lady Mavs, 34-5, dominated the Division II volleyball regionals at the UNO Fieldhouse, winning six of seven games, to reach the Final Four for the third straight year.

"This is the year," said UNO senior Lori Schutte, an All-North Central Conference middle hitter. "I think we're going to win it this year."

UNO also earned the right to play at home in the Final Four Dec. 11-12. The National Collegiate Athletic Association awarded UNO the finals over the bids of Cal-

State Northridge and Central Missouri State.

UNO will play No. 2 Central Missouri State, which is 3-0 against the Lady Mavs this year, in the semifinals. No. 1 Cal-State Northridge and No. 6 Ferris (Mich.) State will compete in the other semifinal.

In its first regional test, UNO defeated Minnesota-Duluth for the fifth straight time in 1987. The Lady Mavs ripped the Minnesotans 15-13, 15-4, 15-4.

Darla Melcher, who was chosen to the all-tourney team, piled up 61 set assists against Minnesota-Duluth. Schutte and UNO All-American Ruth Evans also were named to the six-player team. Schutte drilled a game-high 13 kills and belted out a .765 hitting percentage against Minnesota.

See UNO bid on 7

Police have no suspects on recent annex burglaries

By TIM TRUDELL
Staff Reporter

There are no suspects or leads in the most recent UNO burglary, according to an investigator.

The School of Social Work, Annex 40, was burglarized the weekend before Thanksgiving. A video camera and a laser printer were stolen, said Sunny Andrews, director of the school.

Campus officials notified the Omaha Police Department on Nov. 24, said Detective Robert Sklener of the OPD's Criminal Investigation Bureau.

"The investigation is open right now. I don't have any suspects or leads right now," said Sklener, who heads the investigation.

Campus Security officials are also investigating the burglary, Campus Security Manager Charles Swank said.

The Annex 40 burglary was the fifth reported burglary at UNO this semester. Campus Security is actively investigating the crime, Swank said. He declined to comment on the progress

on the investigation of the four previous burglaries.

However, investigators are checking area pawn shops and talking with possible sources, Swank said.

Sklener said the second burglary at the KVNO radio station had been transferred to the Checks and Fraud Unit because of indications of possible employee involvement.

Sklener said the previous burglaries have not been solved "to the best of my knowledge." A spokesman for the Checks and Fraud Unit declined comment.

Neither Sklener nor Swank would say if any of the stolen property has been recovered.

"I don't want to say anything about that just yet," Sklener said.

However, Sklener said he believes letting the public know what was stolen may be beneficial.

"You never know when someone may have seen or been offered the stolen property," he said.

Swank declined to comment whether or not there are any suspects in the burglaries.

"If I say anything now it could scare the suspects, if there

are any," Swank said. "Then they might try to get rid of the property before we're ready for them."

Campus Security officers have not altered their patrol requirements in lieu of the crimes, Swank said.

"Our officers actively patrol the campus," he said.

There are normally three to five officers on duty during the graveyard shift (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Swank said.

"They check every building," he said. "They have to check the interior as well as the exterior."

Each building on campus is checked "two or three times" during a shift, Swank said.

In a related topic, Swank said there are no suspects in the recent theft of three street signs on campus.

"One of our officers saw two individuals in the general area of the stolen signs, he said.

"He approached them," Swank said, "but before he could get to where they were, they dropped what they were carrying and fled into the park."

"When the officer got to where the two were, he found three road signs."

Comment

'If you don't know what it means, you aren't alone'

Citizen: Someone who knows good life isn't free

By JOAN ROSENBERG
Guest Opinion

Citizenship in America: The informed, concerned electorate. If you don't know what that means, you aren't alone.

Most people have forgotten that after school, the rest of one's education must come from doing things in real life. One of the most basic items is the concept of citizenship. Few people remember what it means anymore.

What is a citizen? A citizen is a community member who realizes that the "good life" isn't handed out for free. A citizen works just a little bit everyday to contribute to the community. A citizen realizes that if he doesn't speak up or write, no one will know his thoughts or desires. Parks aren't created by imagining. Zoning was never changed by wishful thinking. Muttering never lowered anyone's taxes. You have to work at it and make yourself heard. Citizenship is a small, part-time occupation with big-time results.

I'm not referring to flag-waving, reciting parts of the con-

stitution or supporting the balanced budget issue. Perhaps it would be better to describe what a citizen does.

Our citizen knows where the Board of Elections is, and registers to vote. Our citizen knows the name and phone number of the office of local mayor or town officials, and the process to ask a question or get information. Our citizen knows the names

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of the state senator and federal senators and representatives, and writes a letter once a year to express views or at least answer the mailed-to-home surveys.

Our citizen, who is busy earning a living, cannot always go to town, city or public utility meetings, but finds out what has happened and makes a phone call once in a while to express likes or dislikes. Our citizen never misses an election or referendum if possible, no matter how small the issue.

On a longer term, our citizen pays attention to the town budget, the condition of the fire department, the upkeep of the roads he drives to work on. Our citizen calls up from time to time to say "good job" or "can we get this fixed."

In short, our citizen may not know a lot of technical information, but knows about the community. Everyone is always part of a community. Every member of a community who wants a better life must work at it by doing little things every day, such as putting leftover McDonald's wrappers in the trash and making sure that your pickup load is tied down so items don't blow off and land in the road.

I'm not saying that national issues aren't important. They are. We should attend to them also. But unless we get into the habit of being a citizen at the local level, how can we possibly expect to have any influence at the top? All major party platforms come from the grass roots — us. We, the people. We, the voters. We, the informed, concerned electorate. When will you become a concerned citizen?

Rosenberg is a UNO student.

Letters

Who gets last laugh?

To the editor:

I would like to personally thank you and certain members of your staff for dedicating yourselves to keeping UNO students informed of the actions and involvement in campus affairs of their elected representatives, the Student Senate.

Even though I don't agree with all the ways you and your staff go about your jobs, I do appreciate your efforts to keep the student body up-to-date on issues that will directly affect them.

In a recent issue, your staff openly questioned and criticized our (the Student Senate) choice of house speaker, some off-the-cuff humor during the swearing-in ceremony and a rude remark made by one of the senators prior to our first meeting.

Of course, much rebuttal has been printed since, most of which I agree with. However, I would still like to point out that in the same Nov. 10, 1987, issue, a considerate member of your staff took attention to mention, in just a few words, a really important issue discussed during the very same senate meeting that all of the other above mentioned issues received so much attention.

I know you're wondering what this really im-

portant issue could be. Well, I am sure you will agree with me that the smoking policy on this campus should be a real concern to all students. Whether they are smokers, non-smokers or friends of smokers, the students need to be informed that there is presently serious discussion of changing the current smoking policy at UNO.

The Student Senate received a letter from the Faculty Senate requesting our input as representatives of the student body on three options concerning the smoking policy; they are: 1) appointing a committee of faculty, staff and student representatives to study the situation in more detail and arrive at a specific recommendation that could be affordable and protect the rights of all involved; 2) declare the campus smoke free except for designated areas — essentially the recommendation of the Faculty Senate; and 3) combine options one and two, declare the campus smoke free and appoint a committee of those who must enforce the policy to work out the details regarding designated smoking areas and enforcement, and so on.

I may be wrong, but I feel that this is a much more important issue to the students whose fees pay for the Gateway, then whether or not a few senators added humor to their swearing-in ceremony.

In the future, I hope the Gateway and Student Senate can work together to inform UNO

students unbiasedly of the really important issues and events that affect them and put a stop to all the negative articles and their rebuttal letters to the editor. Remember both of our

groups are here to serve the students, not to see who can get the last laugh.

Sen. Pamela Kocina,
UNO student

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the best," he said.

Liberal arts majors aren't actively recruited because "there are so many of them," he said.

"I don't really like that, though," Phillips said. "I was a liberal arts major, but the Air Force is looking for the person that's competitive."

Students who have chosen to stay with ROTC can extend their graduation dates, Phillips said.

"If a person is taking 18 credits a semester to get out in four years, they can cut back to 13 or 14 and stay in school for another semester," he said.

Cadets can also delay their commissioning dates by pursuing more education, Phillips said.

"Students can go on to law school or pursue

their master's (degree)," he said. "They can do things they normally wouldn't have the chance to do right away if they went active duty."

The Air Force would not be responsible for these students' educations, he said.

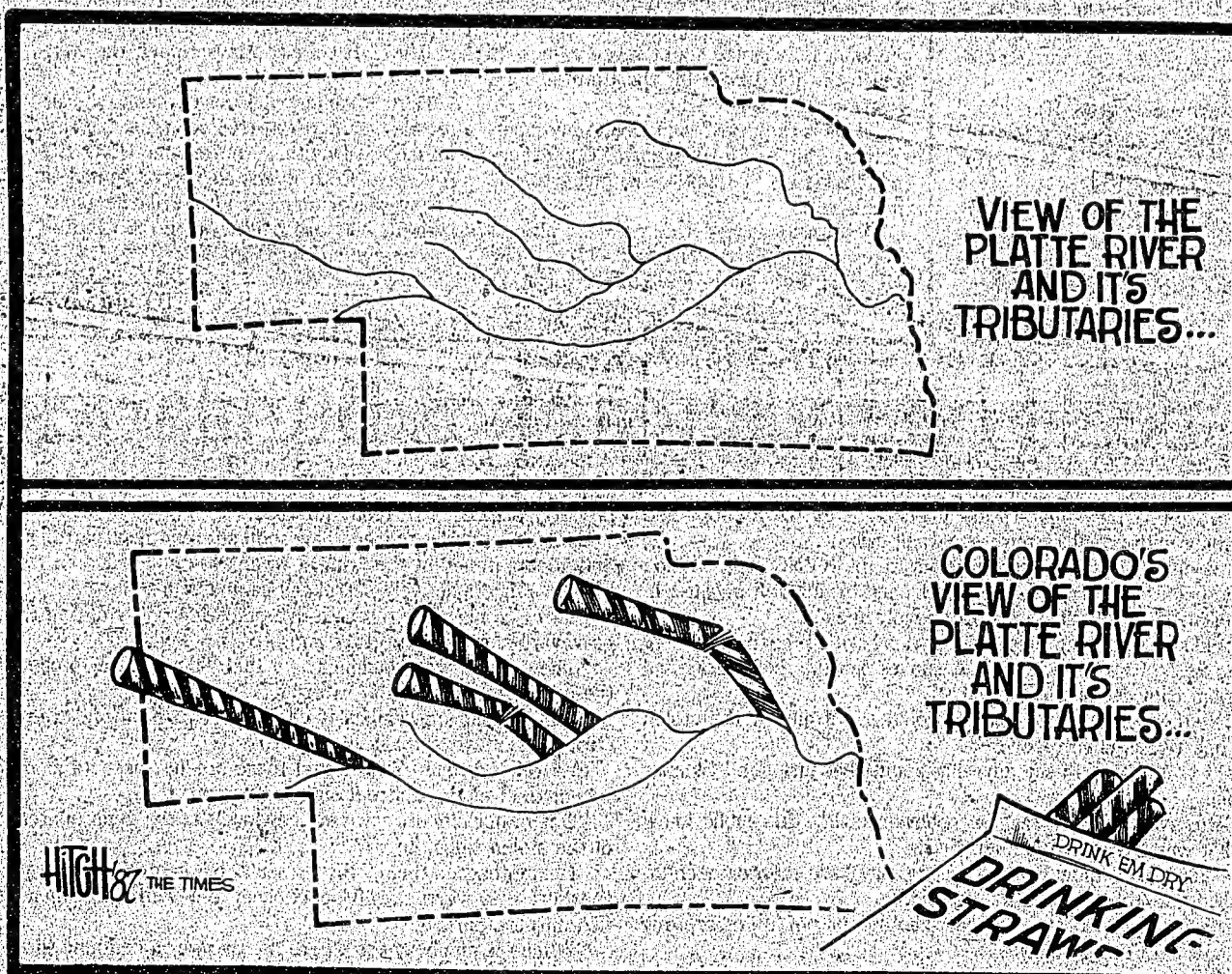
However, there is currently a waiting list for last year's ROTC graduates to enter active duty service, according to Phillips.

Recruitment has not been hurt by the 2-year-old program, Phillips said.

"Freshmen can see they have a career after four years of college," Phillips said, despite the reduction of officers over the next three years.

"Right now is the best time to be in ROTC," Phillips said. "Their future isn't bleak. It is bright."

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The Gateway: A little stab of happiness

Spring editor to target communication block

By DAN SWIATEK
Feature Editor

Current Gateway News Editor Tim McMahan has been selected by the UNO Publications Committee as the spring Gateway editor.

McMahan said he doesn't plan any radical changes in the paper's format, but would like to see communication between university departments and the newspaper improved.

"We've been having problems lately acquiring information from the university. We have a responsibility as a newspaper to report the goings-on of all areas of UNO. I don't feel we're getting as much cooperation as we can from some people in the system," he said.

McMahan, a senior journalism major, has served as Gateway news editor, Gateway senior reporter and has had writings published in the Omaha World-Herald and The Metropolitan.

During the spring semester, McMahan would like to rectify something that's been bothering him. University officials have sometimes looked upon the Gateway as a PR vehicle for the

school, he said.

This has led to occasional struggles in information gathering for the Gateway. He would like to change this.

"If the university does something good, you'll hear about it. It will be reflected in the coverage. However, you won't find overtly promotional material in the paper. We're not a PR tool for UNO. Our job is to write about the university, even if the topics are not flattering for the school," McMahan said.

Special emphasis in news reporting will be placed on legislative, administrative, student, faculty and staff affairs; in general, thorough coverage of university operations — something McMahan stressed in news content during the fall semester, and would like to see more of in the spring.

"We tried to concern ourselves more on the university system itself — localizing all the news to UNO. My plans for next semester are to continue covering the news that directly affects UNO," he said.

McMahan said the fall Gateway staff has put out a paper to be proud of and looks for the same in the spring.

"If you look at these issues and the quality of them, it should be similar next semester. A lot of the same people will be back," he said.

Terry O'Connor will return as sports editor, along with Dan Swiatek as feature editor. Senior reporter John Rood has been appointed news editor, and current Gateway editor Deana Vodicka will be copy editor for the spring semester.

Vodicka's free-style supervisor approach, McMahan said, has produced a good paper.

"Deana's given us the freedom to do what we want in our sections. Ultimately, the quality of the paper reflects on her skills as an editor," he said.

Applications are still being accepted for photo editor and, as always, general assignment reporters. "We need as many writers as we can get," he said.

Anyone can apply for these positions, but McMahan said it's a do-or-die situation for journalism majors.

"I honestly don't think they'll get jobs unless they have experience from us. And if anything, it's a fun job."

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This would also be the largest concert SPO had done and the first with a promoter, he said.

"Concerts have not lost money," Fortun said during an interview after she left the meeting.

In other action, the senate approved the purchase of 17 Panasonic typewriters for the Student Government Typing Center unanimously.

"This will essentially redo the Typing Center," said Chief Administrative Officer Bryan Howell. "The majority of our machines are dead."

The \$5,800 used to buy the machines will come from last year and by selling 10 of the broken machines. The Panasonics may be available this week.

There was some discussion of the issue about whether more typewriters were the solution.

"The only people that use the Typing Center are people who are intimidated by software," said Sen. Dan Kennedy. The Typing Center is likely to be an anachronism with computer word processing becoming more common, he said.

While computers may be the direction of the

future, the present situation needs help, said Sen. Michael Gaebel.

"They are 25-year-old machines," Gaebel said. "I think it's time to get rid of these things."

The senate approved the creation of a campus smoking committee after lengthy debate 13-5. The vote was delayed on whether or not the issue of tobacco sales on campus should be

included.

"You guys are whining about nothing," Sen. Tim Lonergan said. "What's the difference if they buy them (tobacco products) on campus or not?"

In other business, the Senate confirmed the constitutions of the NSIC/NSSA, College Republicans and the Urban Studies Student Association.

The Senate also allocated money for trip expenses for two student organizations.

The Arnold Air Society will receive \$420 to send two members to a national convention in Boston April 1 through 5.

The Public Relations Student Society of America will receive \$440 to defray the cost of their trip to a convention in Los Angeles that was held Nov. 7 to 14.

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State senators discuss university image, concerns

This is the fourth installment of a series of interviews with local state senators. With the Unicameral meeting in January, many issues concerning the future of the NU system are bound to be discussed. For the series, the senators were asked their thoughts on certain legislation, the importance of student lobbying groups and how they view UNO and the role it plays in Nebraska.

Gary Hannibal

By JILL CARSTENS
Senior Reporter

When the Legislature meets in January, there will be some consideration towards faculty salaries and research funding that Gov. Kay Orr proposed earlier this year, said state Sen. Gary Hannibal. Hannibal represents District No. 4.

There will also be some legislation towards business development and economic development, he said.

This is where UNO may see some legislative funding, he said.

"UNO houses a center for business development which provides technical assistance to businesses throughout Nebraska but particularly Omaha," Hannibal said.

In the wave of budget cuts, UNO has suffered disproportionately, he said. Because UNO is more reliant on state funding than the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a cut in state funding affects UNO more in terms of its budget, he said.

Hannibal said UN-L relies less on state funding because it generates more cash dollars through tuition.

"UNO has also not enjoyed as good of increases when there were increases," he said. This is also due to UNO's disproportionate position.

"There is a good case to be made for UNO's quality of education and frugality of administration," Hannibal said.

Hannibal said he has always been pleased to hear from students on issues he has not heard of or is unfamiliar with. This is true in the case of fee increases where lobbyists have pointed out that even a small amount of increase in fees are important to people as students, he said.



Hannibal

The Gateway Interview

Chris Abboud

By JOHN ROOD
Senior Reporter

State Sen. Chris Abboud said the Legislature won't support a tax hike to increase faculty salaries during the next session of the Legislature.

"I don't see the Legislature supporting a tax increase for that proposal. I personally could not support it because it would negatively effect the state's business climate," Abboud said.

He said Iowa provided a warning of what could happen if state income and property taxes get too high. Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad called a special tax-cutting session of its Legislature because businesses felt taxes there were too high, Abboud said.

"I think Nebraska has a good climate for business right now. We need to make sure it stays that way," he said.

Instead, state senators "will need to take a wait approach" to see what money is available before increasing state education aid, Abboud said.

Faculty salaries and equipment for the College of Engineering are two areas that will probably request an increase in state funding, he said.

"Education will be a big issue if funds are available. If they aren't, it will probably be less so," Abboud said. "It's too early to tell right now."

State officials are unsure of how much revenue will be available, in part because effects of LB 775, an economic development bill which provided corporate tax incentives, aren't known yet, he said.

"We really won't know what the effects will be until the tax returns are filed in April," Abboud said.

Because of UNO's urban location, programs like the Nebraska



Abboud

Business Development Center are especially important to economic development.

"The Business Development Center gives hands on experience. It's one example of where UNO is out there in the trenches," he said.

Lobbying efforts by student groups such as the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) and Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) are effective, he said.

"I think they do a good job with senators from their area," Abboud said.

Students are important lobbyists because they can judge the quality of programs, instructors and university facilities, he said. "Students have an important effect on funding (for the institution) because they are part of it. They have the best information."

While campaigning for next year's congressional elections, Abboud said he has had the opportunity to talk to people regarding UNO. The impression he has gotten is the addition of the parking garage, new buildings and landscaping have helped improve UNO's image.

"It's become more of a campus. UNO is getting stronger every year. It is becoming a major Midwest university, he said.

Carol McBride Pirsch

By JOHN ROOD
Senior Reporter

"People still remember that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was originally the land grant college and view UNO as the Johnny-come-lately," said state Sen. Carol McBride Pirsch said.

She doesn't agree.

"I've always felt that UNO has received the short end of the stick," Pirsch said.

"They have the physical facilities now. I'm hoping they will be zeroing in on programs that aid economic development," she said.

She thought faculty members would receive some type of pay increases, adding that primary and secondary school teachers should not be forgotten, she said.

"I assume that will be part of the overall scheme," she said. Money for the increases will be hard to come by, she said. "It's always hard to predict questions of appropriations."

Student groups like the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA) and the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) can be effective when lobbying because students are more sincere than professional lobbyists, she said.

Other than a recent reception with CCLR members; however, Pirsch said her contacts with student groups have been limited.

"I haven't had too much experience with them. It certainly makes sense to have students instead of professional lobbyists," she said.

Some critics have said the state cannot afford to make the tax concessions for economic development made in LB 775, the economic growth and investment act, and appropriate additional money for higher education, but Pirsch said it's too early to tell if there will be problems.

Budget revenue projections are better than expected, she said.

"Things look better and better. It's too early to say gloom and doom. I think we'll see things develop that will really benefit the state," she said.

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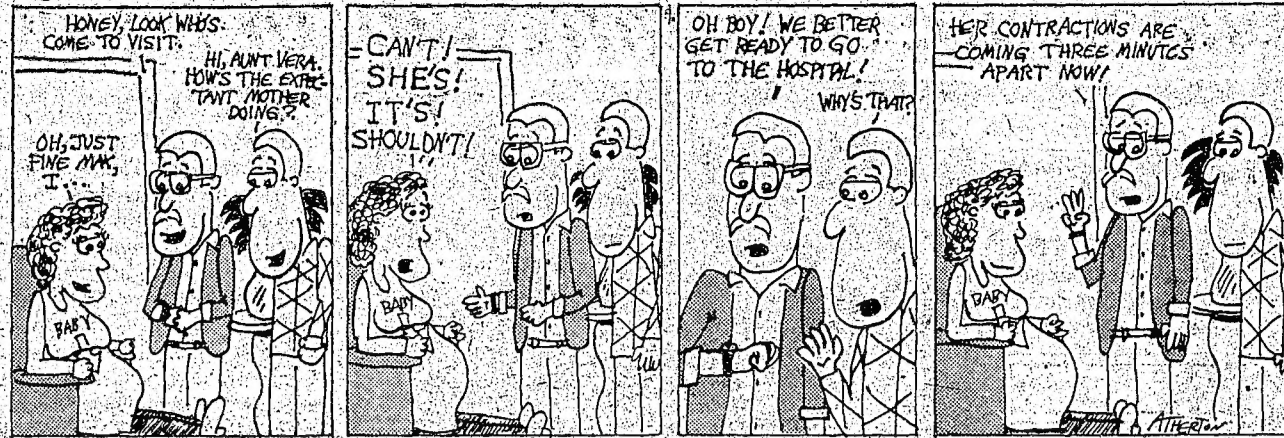
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Big Max on Campus



'Brown-bag' series Conner discusses East Germany trip

By SONJA SCHWORER
Staff Reporter

Maurice Conner, a German instructor at UNO, wasn't concerned about his safety on a trip last summer to the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). "Why should they want me? — another mouth to feed," he said.

Conner and his wife, Cora, a German instructor at Creighton University, participated in a seminar for German scholars in Wiemar, a large city in the German Democratic Republic. The seminar was sponsored by Schiller University in Wiemar.



Conner

Getting across the border of the country was a little time consuming and tedious, but Conner said, "There is freedom of travel once you are in there."

Conner frequently travels because of his profession.

"I want first-hand experience with German-speaking countries," he said.

He was especially interested in last summer's seminar because "that part of Germany is so important to German culture," Conner said. The area Conner visited was the old stomping grounds of such greats as Martin Luther and Bach.

Those at the seminar also learned that Schiller University is where Karl Marx re-

ceived his doctorate. But Marx accomplished this without ever attending the university.

"He sent in his dissertation," Conner said.

Conner found the German people friendly and interested in asking questions about the United States.

"We were conspicuous because we were American. But we were German-speaking Americans," Conner said.

The seminar attracted 125 German scholars from around the world. For Conner, this presented an unusual opportunity to communicate with German-speaking people from all over the world.

"That was the high point of the trip," Conner said.

Conner and his wife became friends with many people at the seminar. Conner said he values this experience because, "Unfortunately, governments get in the way of interpersonal relationships."

The Germans, Conner said, "know more about the United States than we know about their country," Conner said. He hopes to bring his German experiences into the classroom in order to "better acquaint" his students with East Germany.

The Conners presented a slide show on the German Democratic Republic during a brown-bag luncheon at the Student Center yesterday.

The slide show is just one of a series of shows and talks planned by the University Committee on International Affairs. The purpose of the series is to create a greater awareness of other countries in a pleasant atmosphere.

Omaha production to play both coasts

By LORI SAFRANEK
Staff Reporter

The West Coast will get its first taste of "A Christmas Carol," Nebraska style, this holiday season.

The Nebraska Theatre Caravan, the touring group of the Omaha Community Playhouse, has added the coast to its touring schedule. They have traveled the United States for 12 years performing the Playhouse's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Three different touring companies will be performing the production.

"We have been touring for 12 years throughout the Midwest, seven years on the East Coast. This will be our first year on the West Coast," said Greg Morales, company manager of the West Coast tour.

"We pretty much will be taking out the same production people will be seeing in Omaha. We adapt to touring in respect that the sets are able to collapse and fit into a trunk. Other than that, it's the same show," he said.

The caravan includes 117 actors and technicians from 22 states. Auditions were held in cities throughout the United States.

"We interview people from all over the country — Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Richmond, Va. After we're done auditioning people, we start to put together our company," Morales said.

Each company consists of 39 members who travel by bus. Equipment is transported in trucks and vans.

"It's amazing when we roll into a theater and people say, 'The Nebraska Theatre Caravan?' Especially places like Pittsburgh or New York. They were like, 'Why are you bringing us a production of 'A Christmas Carol?' — especially a touring company from the Midwest."

"Actually, we are considered to be a very top-notch touring company. Actors return to us year after year," he said.

The Caravan productions are very well accepted wherever they travel, according to Morales.

"We sell out huge halls, like the Heinze Hall in Pittsburgh, which seats close to 4,000. We sold that out three times last year, and this year they increased our stay to one week," he said.

Rehearsals for the tour groups were held in Omaha; they departed Thanksgiving Day. The East Coast tour will run through Dec. 29, and the Midwest tour concludes Dec. 22. The West Coast tour will wind up in Denver on Dec. 25.

The Gateway: no preservatives added.

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John Hughes' film a nice mixture of humor, detail

By ELIZABETH TAPE
Staff Reviewer

I really liked "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." It provided humor grounded in slapstick and in character study. A nice mixture.

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" tells the story of Neil Page (Steve Martin) in his desperate efforts to get home from New York City to Chicago for Thanksgiving with his family. Not far



—Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

John Candy and Steve Martin costar in John Hughes' "Planes, Trains and Automobiles."

Director John Hughes applies several different cinematographic techniques that warrant attention. In particular, he repeatedly employs expressionistic methods, in which emphasis is placed on the essential characteristics of objects and people, not necessarily on their superficial appearance.

What Hughes accomplishes in "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" is a consistently masterful portrait of a multitude of different locales. For example, Hughes' depiction of a cheap motel on the outskirts of Wichita includes a slowly panning shot over the night stand in the pair's room revealing "Cracker Jacks," chewing gum, beer and cigarettes. The set design of this room — including its obligatory massaging machine — effectively communicates a flavor of the establishment.

Similarly, with his exterior images Hughes succeeds in imparting a sense of his locations. As an example, as daylight emerges on the dreary suburb of Wichita where Neil and Del have spent their first night together, our first image is of livestock, followed shortly by the neighboring interstate before set-

ting on the motel. His presentation of this segment of Americana is now completed.

Beyond all the slapstick and the humor, Hughes plainly has a point to make in "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." Throughout the film, he tells us about the two main characters. Neil, business-like and serious about his work, nonetheless deeply cares for his family and enjoys traditions such as Thanksgiving. This holiday occupies a prominent portion of his consciousness, not as a break from work, but as an opportunity to be with his family.

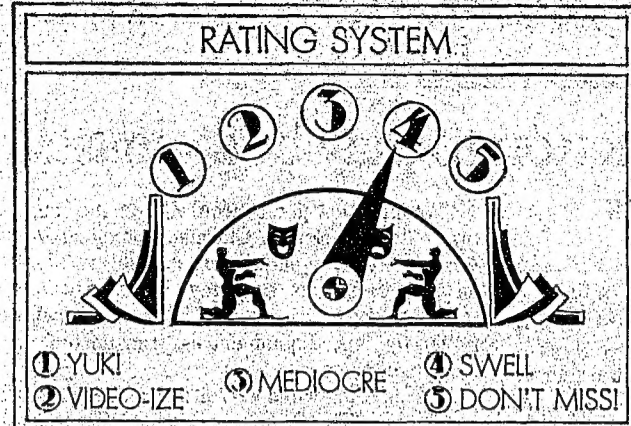
Neil is a genuinely compassionate and gracious person, who demonstrates kindness time and time again. He is perceptive and clever, maintaining his calm for an extended period until even his considerable patience is worn out.

Del, selfish and a freeloader, does maintain a distinctive charm. He sincerely seeks to assist Neil in his quest to reach home and even does possess savvy about travelling, but nothing quite works out right. His occasional thoughtlessness results at times from innocent obliviousness to the consequences of his actions. Although we initially abhor his presence, like Neil, we come to like him despite ourselves.

Amidst all of the humor are two real characters, whose vastly different personalities are explored in the course of the film as we come to realize that they share certain significant characteristics despite their many dissimilarities.

The conclusion of the film creates a rather different mood. It provides some additional reflective content to "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," as the emotions we witness are real and almost tangible; Hughes celebrates the joys and importance of family. Though the final scene borders on overstatement, it never quite crosses the line, in part as a result of Hughes' choice for a closing image.

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" is a film well worth watching for a host of reasons. For those who enjoy outright humor, this is a very funny movie. For those who enjoy character studies, this film introduces two memorable ones. And for those who enjoy a film with intriguing filmic techniques presented not for ostentation but to enhance the film's mood and content, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" is an excellent selection.



into this ill-fated voyage he meets Del Griffith (John Candy), a shower-curtain-ring salesman who makes persistent but bumbling efforts to aid Neil along his way.

Their trail takes them to Wichita, Kan., to the Ozarks of Missouri, through St. Louis as well as a host of other locations between, where neither character has any interest or desire to be.

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" deserves notice not only for its outrageous humor, but for its aesthetic qualities as well.

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Sports

Bleacher Backtalk

'End bowl ties'

The \$4 million rematch between 9th-rated Michigan State and 17th-rated Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl is reason enough to end all conference bowl ties.

With No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 2 Miami, Fla., playing for less than half of the Rose Bowl purse, what more is there to say?

Ron Wulff,
UNO staff member

Lady Mavs volleyball is the most exciting sport on campus, followed closely by men's and women's basketball. It's a great time of year for sports fans.

Tim Bodeen,
UNO student

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The Gateway: I can't believe I read the whole thing

Late Dau foul shots rescue UNO

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

The Lady Mavs timed it just right in a 70-68 basketball win over Morningside in the UNO Fieldhouse Saturday.

UNO trailed the entire game until Jill Dau sank two free throws for the game-winning points with eight seconds remaining.

"We gained a lot by coming from behind," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "We showed a lot of character. It was a great confidence builder."

The 5-0 Lady Mavs are off to their second-best start in history behind a 7-0 opening streak in 1984-85.

After four straight blowout wins to open the season, Mankenberg said the Lady Mavs were due for a workout.

Morningside obliged by rushing to a 37-27 halftime lead. The 1-2 Lady Chiefs surprised UNO by using a 3-2 zone defense.

"They're not known for that defense," Mankenberg said. "It took time to adjust."

UNO also had to adjust to limited playing time from flu-stricken senior guard Holly Lynch and sophomore forward Regina Kolc, bothered by bronchitis.

All-American Laura J. Anderson scored 34 points, two short of her school record. Her performance was more remarkable, Mankenberg said, because her grandmother had passed away earlier in the day.

"She barely made it in time for the team dinner," Mankenberg said, "and then she scores 34 points while being double-teamed most of the game. It was a courageous performance."

The key to the UNO rally, Mankenberg said, was crisper passing in the second half.

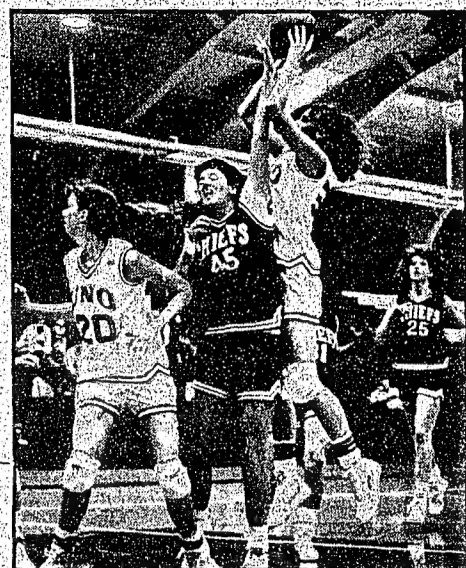
"We were a little lethargic in the first half," Mankenberg said. "We were floating passes. In the second half, we picked up the pace. We got better ball movement and did a good job on the boards."

UNO trailed by as many as 12 points early in the second half. But Anderson poured in 12 points in the next eight minutes, and Dau connected on two three-pointers to help the Lady Mavs knot the game with 8:56 to play.

Morningside then surged again, building an eight-point lead with 5:50 to go. Anderson, who had 22 of UNO's 43 second-half points, then scored five points, and Wendy Millard added a basket to pull UNO within one point.

With 50 seconds remaining, Jena Janovy sank a three-pointer for her only points of the night. The bomb also tied the score at 68-68 setting up Dau's heroics.

UNO's next game is a road contest against the University of Missouri-Kansas City Dec. 11.



—Akitoishi Kizaki

UNO All-American Laura J. Anderson, with ball, scored 34 points against Morningside.

UNO bid from page 1

Scrappy Angelo State threw a scare into UNO by carving out a 15-4 first-game win. Only Cal-State Northridge had handled the Lady Mavs as easily this year.

"We started out a little slow," UNO Coach Janice Kruger said. "We've done that all year long. But Angelo State is a tough team."

The Lady Mavs then closed with a rush, reeling off 15-7, 15-12, 15-6 wins. Angelo State, 21-12, led just once the last three games.

"Ruth Evans had a nice match, Lori Schutte played well, and Lisa Lyons had one

of her better matches," Kruger said. "But they all played well."

For players with over 20 kills, Schutte again led UNO with a .461 hitting percentage. Lyons followed with a .347 mark and Evans was at .302.

"The championship is up for grabs this year," Kruger said. "Right now the favorite would have to be Cal-State Northridge."

Evans said the Final Four was coming at the right time for UNO.

"I think we're peaking right now," Evans said. "We won't be satisfied with anything less than first place."

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Brisk pickle card sales boost UNO athletics

By SCOTT NICHOLSON
Staff Reporter

Legal gambling is helping the UNO athletic department out of its financial pickle.

The sale of pickle cards has grossed \$120,000, \$50,000 of which belongs to UNO after expenses.

Pickle cards are a legal form of gambling, available at specialized "pickle parlors," convenience stores, bars and other locations.

Pickle cards have peel-back tabs which hide slot-machine symbols. A buyer can win cash prizes if the symbols underneath the tab appear in a certain combination. Top prize for the UNO pickle is \$200.

UNO turned to this unique fund-raising method after a series of budget cuts by the Nebraska Legislature.

In 1984, the Legislature cut UNO's athletic budget by \$366,500. Last year, the Legislature sliced another \$300,000 to reduce UNO athletic's state funding to \$250,000.

Bobby Thompson, the UNO athletic director, vowed to maintain the Mavs' National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II standing despite the cuts.

"There is no place for us to go," Thompson said. "I don't see any reason why we can't have a competitive program like we've had in the past. We've just got to put the puzzle together in a different fashion."

Omahan Mark Zach then offered his services to UNO to help the Mavs replace the missing financial pieces.

Zach, 43, is regional sales manager for Qualico Van Conversions of Lincoln. Zach also started and has successfully operated pickle card fund raising for the Gladiator Athletic Association the past four years.

In a list put out by the Nebraska Department of Revenue, the Gladiator Organization was eighth in gross sales in the state from July 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987.

Zach explained how the pickle fund-raising process works.

"There are 3,984 tickets in each box, each card selling for \$1," Zach said. "Of that, \$3,984, 80 percent is paid back in prize money."

"The state requires by law that at least 65 percent of that be paid back," Zach said. "We pay out 80 percent to make our ticket more



attractive to the buyer."

After the 80 percent is taken out, \$800 remains. The seller of the tickets receives \$290 of the \$800, leaving \$510 to UNO. From this, approximately \$200 is used to pay taxes, production and other expenses. This leaves the UNO athletic department with \$310 for every box sold.

"Sales have been super good," Zach said. UNO already has developed 69 accounts, stores which sell the UNO pickle card. The Mavs are on track to reach their goal of 100 accounts.

Steve Edie, vice president of sales for International Gameco, which manufactures the UNO tickets, said, "With 100 accounts selling just one box per month, UNO should net somewhere near \$380,000 per year. I personally know of many accounts that sell a box or more in one week."

If UNO could approach such a figure it would greatly ease the athletic department's budget crunch.

"The athletic department has to raise \$500,000 for the budget," said Connie Clausen, UNO women's athletic director. "The

money raised from pickles is then put towards that figure."

At first the idea of UNO raising money by getting involved in gambling was met with some negative feelings. The Omaha World-Herald ran an editorial decrying the practice. But Zach said the idea of saving university programs has taken precedence in the business community.

"There are a lot of business people out there who are beginning to realize the impact charity game tickets are having," Zach said. "These people realize the loss we would have in the community if you took sports away from the university."

"Right now there are about as many people for us, as there are against us," Zach said. "More people are realizing the positive affect we are having."

Zach said the UNO pickle drive has snowballed since its beginning.

On May 15, 1987, the first UNO pickle box was placed at the Central Park Pharmacy located at 41st and Grand Avenue.

From there, the number of accounts grew with people wanting to support the university. And the UNO tickets may be a hotter sell than other charity drives.

"The UNO tickets seem to be selling a little bit better than most of the others I sell," said Angie Coschka, owner of the Money Pit, a pickle parlor at 4807 S. 24th St.

Other pickle sellers do it because they want

to support UNO, and this is one way they can do it rather painlessly.

"I'm selling the UNO pickles because I want to support the school," said Skip Blazek, owner of the New Tower Inn at 78th and Dodge. "I like to support both UN-L (Nebraska-Lincoln) and UNO. I feel that these pickles offered an honest return, and it is a well run operation."

Another business supporting UNO is Futura Coiffures Inc., a beauty salon at 11917 Pierce Court.

"Sales of the tickets have been pretty good," said Marilyn Carsey of Futura. "It is the only kind we sell, and our customers seem to enjoy them."

Susan Coffey, owner of the 7-11 convenience store at 79th and Dodge said, "We sell them to support UNO, and it's an added attraction for our customers. We have sold as many as 150 in one day, but our average is about 70."

The burgeoning pickle funds may help shelter UNO from any further fiscal jolts.

Thompson told Fast Break Review, a pickles trade publication, that UNO plans to build an annuity fund from the gaming profits. The annual income would go toward replacing state funds.

Thompson said he would eventually like to see UNO athletics completely independent of state funding.

A profit of \$50,000 in the first year of operation may be an indication that Thompson's goal is realistic.

Nebe notches record victory

R.J. Nebe has taken his place as the premier wrestler in UNO history.

Nebe, a three-time All-American, surpassed 1985 national champion Mark Manning on UNO's all-time career win list with his performance at the Northern Iowa Open Saturday.

Nebe's victory over Missouri's Division I All-American Craig Martin was his 125th career win and clinched the 177-pound tourney title.

"Although it's hard to compare different wrestlers and different styles," Maverick Coach Mike Denney said, "R.J. is one of the greatest wrestlers I've ever coached."

Nebe's prowess goes beyond the physical realm.

"The biggest thing with R.J. is his determination and competitiveness. He's really mentally tough," Denney said.


Other Mavs placing in the tournament included: Brad Hildebrandt, 4-1, who finished third at 158 pounds; Mark Ostrander, (UNO assistant coach competing unattached) 4-2, sixth, 158; Jeff Randall, fifth, 4-1, 167; Dave Pippin, sixth, 3-2, 190; and heavyweight Clark Schnepel, second, 4-1.

UNO's next meet is Dec. 12 at the Kearney Open in Kearney, Neb.

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Team Ratings

- 1, North Dakota State University.
 - 2, University of Nebraska at Omaha.
 - 3, University of North Dakota.
 - 4, Portland State University.
 - 5, Liberty University.
 - 6, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville.
 - 7, Ferris State (Mich.) College.
 - 8, San Francisco State University.
 - 9, University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown.
 - 10, South Dakota State University.
 - 11, Grand Valley State College.
 - 12, California State University - Chico.
 - 13, University of California - Pennsylvania.
 - 14, Ashland College.
 - 15, Northern Michigan University.
 - 16, Pembroke State University.
 - 17, Southern Connecticut State University.
 - 18, Humboldt State University.
 - 19, Lake Superior State College.
 - 20, St. Cloud State University.
- North Central Conference teams in bold.



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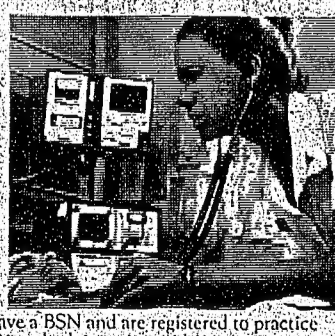
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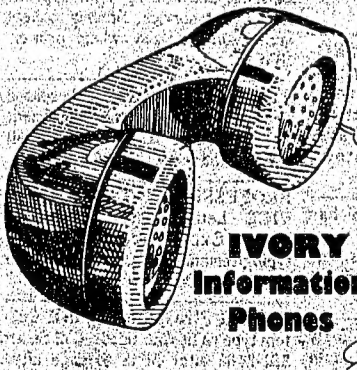
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